

## GLIDING GHOSTS.

The Illuminated Forms which Started a Spiritualistic Seance.

Manifestations Produced Under Severe Tests in Light and Darkness.

During the past two or three weeks spiritualistic circles in Washington have been stirred to their depths by the performances of noted mediums now visiting this city, and it is said to say that there has been more or less acrimony among those whose mission it is to evoke spirits from the vasty deep. The materializations produced by Mrs. Carrie M. Sawyer, at 915 E Street, seem to have created a more marked sensation than others and the reported manifestations have seriously challenged the credulity of those disinclined to believe that spirits revisit the earth nowdays as they did when the tables of Endor were before the astonished gaze of Saul. Numerous challenges have been issued to Mrs. Sawyer, and at an early hour Thursday evening a company of twenty-five persons appeared in her parlors to witness a seance under the strictest test conditions. In this company were three well known physicians, four lawyers, and a number of other prominent ladies and gentlemen. A reporter of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN was also present, and was an eye-witness of what took place. The conditions upon which Mrs. Sawyer was to produce the materializations were as follows:

1. The medium to retire with four ladies, to be selected by the visitors, to undress and put on clothing furnished by her.

2. To be tied with a cord furnished by a committee of four gentlemen; the cord to be tied, as the committee saw fit, around the medium's neck and waist, and the ends of the cord to be passed out of the door held by one of the committee in such a way as to prevent any movement on the part of the medium.

3. A piece of court plaster, two by three inches, to be placed over the mouth of the medium to prevent the possibility of using her voice.

4. No singing to be allowed, but perfect quiet to be preserved, so that any movement in the cabinet could be heard.

After the visitors had been assigned to seats all the above conditions were carefully complied with. The medium, who sat upright in a chair, placed against the wall of the cabinet, her neck and waist being elaborately tied to the wall, and the ends of the cord held by one of the committee, a prominent physician. All present testified that the medium was certainly tied so securely that she could not move.

The committee announced that the conditions had been satisfactorily enforced, and the cabinet curtain was lowered, leaving the medium within the outer room being in a subdued but plain light. In less than two minutes a female form, much larger and taller than that of the medium, with flowing black hair, appeared at the door of the cabinet. The form was immediately recognized by a gentleman present as that of his sister, the words "My brother" were plainly spoken. Suddenly there emerged from the cabinet the form of a tiny girl, speaking in childish tones something which the reporter failed to catch. Two ladies in the audience seemed to recognize it as that of a "little Maude," going up to it and tying a piece of white ribbon around its hair. The ladies said they had often seen the little spirit at seances, and had tied a white bow on its hair on another occasion, though they had never touched it. This form as well as the larger one were distinctly seen at the same time by all in the room.

These two apparitions suddenly vanished, and were immediately followed by the form of a large man, who wore black whiskers and hair, and dressed in full military uniform. This spirit seemed to have no purpose in appearing, however, for it quickly vanished.

Following a few moments of silence a vapory something emerged from the top of the door that quickly assumed the form of an aged female hovering in midair near the top of the cabinet. A voice called for a certain gentleman in the audience, a conspicuous public man from the northwest, who came up near where the form was visible and he said it was his mother. He asked the name of the spirit, and time and manner of death, answers to which were given in sepulchral tones, and the gentleman said, correctly.

After a few more manifestations similar to those described above the spirits were turned off, leaving the room in total darkness. Two illuminated forms, weird and beautiful beyond description, instantly flashed in view and moved across the room, almost beneath the heads of the visitors. Their movements seemed to create no noise whatever, no more than if they were glittering shadows gliding through the apartment. Near a table against the wall another form in luminous white robes, as if from the ether, glided in and distinct said "God bless you all."

All three of these forms were visible at the same time, each being in different parts of the room, and all disappearing at the same moment. Several other forms followed these. One of them spoke to a lady in the audience who declared that it was the spirit of her daughter, dead for many years. A young man was brought to audible sobs by the apparition of a deceased sweetheart, who told him to "give the engagement ring to Hattie." It is hardly necessary to say that these startling manifestations created the profoundest awe among those who beheld them. By whatever means they were produced, they were certainly of the most thrilling character, and calculated to excite and bewilder such these unfamiliar with visitors from the spirit world.

After the lights had been turned on, the medium was found as she had been left, securely bound to her chair and the cabinet wall, and the court plaster still firmly adhering her lips together. The gentleman who had held the ends of the cords throughout said that he had not detected the slightest movement. The medium was much exhausted, but quickly recovered.

After making a thorough examination of the cabinet, the cord, and the court plaster the committee of four announced that Mrs. Sawyer had performed all that she had promised, and much more; that the conditions had been rigid, and that the manifestations had been of a most remarkable character. One of the committee said that the special purpose of the seance was to severely test the quality of Mrs. Sawyer's mediumship, which had been questioned by envious persons; that the test had been made by investigators not spiritualists, and that all must acknowledge that the lady had done much more than had been expected of her. The bright forms visible during the dark seance were, he said, the most wonderful manifestations he had ever witnessed.

change, and Mr. A. B. Williams, counsel on the other side, agreeing, he asked that the hearing go over for two weeks, which was agreed to. Mr. Worthington further stated that he had examined some of the cases, and in seven of them, as there were subsequent indictments setting out the same charges, he would enter a nolle pro. These were the indictments: George W. McElfresh and Chas. E. Plinder, receiving stolen property; Geo. O. Miller, misconduct in office and for extortion; George W. McElfresh, for misconduct in office, extortion, and violating section 357 of the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia; and George W. McElfresh, George O. Miller, James A. McElvitt, John W. Coomes, Joseph A. Acton, and A. H. Voss, for compounding a felony.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE NEW OPERA.  
To the Editor.

Your discriminating comments upon the debut of "Desiree" must meet with general concurrence in the minds of all who read them. And, while agreeing almost wholly with you, I wish to add the remark that this creation of our Washingtonians has had about the severest test that an opera could well be subjected to.

In the first place, Messrs. Sousa and Taber are charged with "the atrocious crime of being young men," but, like the famous artist of that sarcastic speech, each of these young men will doubtless content himself with "wishing that he may be one of those whose follies may cease with their youth, and not of that number who are ignorant in spite of experience."

In the next place, a musician or a writer stands at his own home very much as the New Testament says of the prophet: "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own home." In the third place, the initial presentation of the opera to the public was at a very late day in the warm season, when, as a rule, people are disinclined to attend amusements in inclosed buildings.

In addition to these three matters, "Desiree" was brought into competition with the ever-popular Theodore Thomas and other attractions, which were calculated to divide or detract from public interest in the debut of "the fair Desiree."

Yet, notwithstanding all drawbacks, there were demonstrations of delight and unmistakably spontaneous and unrestrained bursts of applause, which gave evidence of positive appreciation of the achievements of a composer and the liberality of his taste, from a large audience, predisposed to be critical almost to the extreme.

Surely, Messrs. Sousa and Taber may justly feel encouraged; and Manager McCall is not likely to regret his venture, nor to retract any of the fair things he has said about the good qualities of this "first American opera."

CLIFF WARREN.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2, 1884.

## ATTENTION, SOLDIERS, CONGRESSMEN.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Why is it that more republican members do not attend the Friday night sessions of the house set apart for the consideration of pensions? The democrats might be expected to remain away, or attend for the purpose of defeating pension legislation. But it is a fact, to the shame of republican members, that the democrats more largely attend these Friday night sessions than do the republican members. And those democrats who do attend are mostly liberal in their action toward the soldiers. Is it possible that republicans love the soldier during election times, and forget him when the house of representatives has a session for the consideration of his claims?

It is suggested that the ex-soldiers of the country examine the Congressional Record every Saturday in order to see who of their representatives attend these Friday night sessions and take an interest in "pension bills." It would be a good idea to have the Record on hand, and when one of these election time patriots comes around for reelection read it on him, and ask for an explanation of his absence at Friday night sessions.

EX-SOLDIER AND REPUBLICAN.

## IT IS AN EVENING SMOEL.

To the Editor.

The smelling committee of the city authorities visiting the alley running by the National printing office the other day, but I doubt if they discovered anything amiss. Allow me to suggest that they visit that locality during one of these pleasant evenings after the curfew has sounded, and passing vehicles have subsided. Those of the committee who were obliged to work on the south of the building last Monday evening were compelled to close the windows and work in close rooms, each with over a hundred gaslights going, on account of the gas from the sewer and the odors from all-kitt stables and back yards. The health of a great many persons, employees of this great workshop, who cannot afford the loss of time and money which must result from sickness, is endangered. The case demands the earliest attention of the health authorities. Let them make one evening visit and be convinced. VERITAS.

## THE CASE OF CARROLL VS. CARROLL.

To the Editor.

The decision of Judge Cox in the case of Carroll vs. Carroll has been reported incorrectly. The testimony was not submitted and the case was not decided upon its merits. The only question considered was whether the bill was correct in praying the court to declare the marriage null and void on the ground of fraud, and Judge Cox decided that it was not, but that the bill should have prayed a divorce under the provisions of the statute regulating divorces in this district. The bill was, therefore, dismissed without prejudice, thus allowing Mr. Carroll the privilege of bringing another action.

## SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINT.

Grant game at Capitol park to-day.

A thin firm stocking is indispensable for comfort in warm weather. It is toward is undoubtedly the most comfortable and lightest of all wear. It is "Taylor" has just received a fine invoice of ladies' English hosiery, which will be sold at very low prices.

## War on High Prices.

—AT THE—

## MISFIT STORE,

Corner Tenth and F Streets.

We are determined to maintain the reputation of selling

## FINE CLOTHING

at lower prices than any house in Washington, and

offer for—

90, a good Business Suit, worth \$10, for \$7.50.

92, a good Business Suit, worth \$12, for \$9.00.

94, a good Business Suit, worth \$14, for \$10.50.

96, a good Business Suit, worth \$16, for \$12.00.

98, a good Business Suit, worth \$18, for \$13.50.

100, a good Business Suit, worth \$20, for \$15.00.

102, a good Business Suit, worth \$22, for \$16.50.

104, a good Business Suit, worth \$24, for \$18.00.

106, a good Business Suit, worth \$26, for \$19.50.

108, a good Business Suit, worth \$28, for \$21.00.

110, a good Business Suit, worth \$30, for \$22.50.

112, a good Business Suit, worth \$32, for \$24.00.

114, a good Business Suit, worth \$34, for \$25.50.

116, a good Business Suit, worth \$36, for \$27.00.

118, a good Business Suit, worth \$38, for \$28.50.

120, a good Business Suit, worth \$40, for \$30.00.

122, a good Business Suit, worth \$42, for \$31.50.

124, a good Business Suit, worth \$44, for \$33.00.

126, a good Business Suit, worth \$46, for \$34.50.

128, a good Business Suit, worth \$48, for \$36.00.

130, a good Business Suit, worth \$50, for \$37.50.

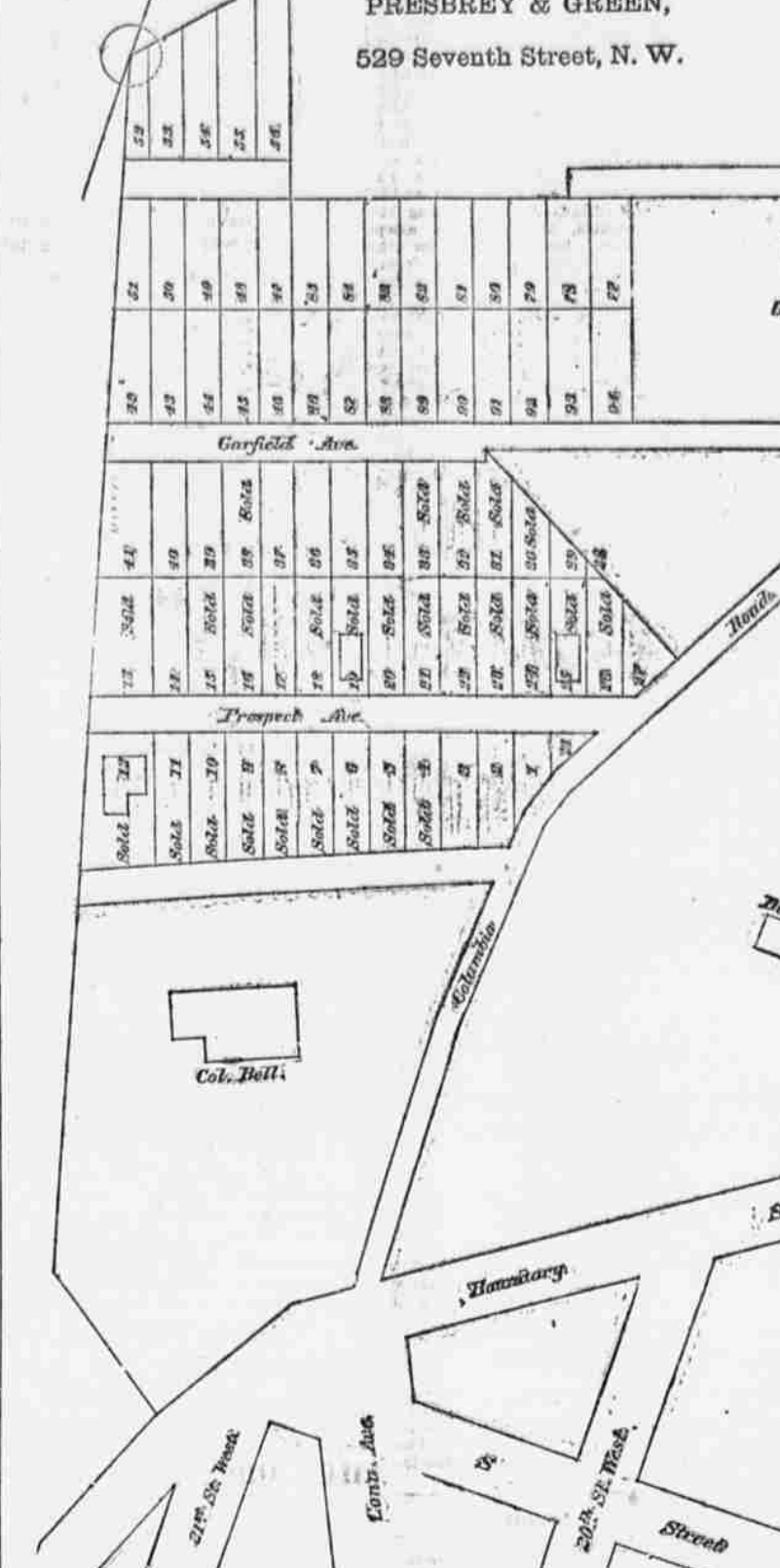
## WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

Platted and For Sale

BY

PRESBRY & GREEN,

529 Seventh Street, N. W.



THE BEST INVESTMENT OFFERED!

Call and Examine Plat of Washington Heights, Near Dupont Circle, at Head of Twentieth Street and Connecticut Avenue.

PRESBRY & GREEN,

529 Seventh Street, Federal Building.

## TILES

For Fireplaces, Waterclosets, Vestibules, and Mantel Decorations.

HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,

424 NINTH STREET.

## WOOD MANTELS

Constructed especially for LATHROP STOVES, having THE GUARANTEE, are furnished at about the cost of similar Mantels, that house owners can have them at a very low price.

HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,

424 NINTH STREET.

## WOOD MANTELS

Of all grades, in OAK, CHERRY, and MAHOGANY. Also SLATE MANTELS for those who are not desirous of wood.

HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,

424 NINTH STREET.

## A New Thing in Vases

For Cemeteries and Lawns, having a Reservoir Attachment holding sufficient water to last ten to fifteen days, securing a vigorous growth of plants.

HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,

424 NINTH STREET.

## The Economy Gas Cooking Stoves

Are offered with the fullest guarantee as the best and in direct competition with all others.

HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,

424 NINTH STREET.

## BRONZED PLACQUES, TRAYS, PANELS, and ANCIENT ARMOR, in full reproduction, artistically displayed in our rooms.

HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,

424 NINTH STREET.

## GO TO

WASH. B. WILLIAMS,

The Old Established and Thoroughly Reliable House,

No. 317 Seventh Street, No. 633 Louisiana Avenue, and No. 634 D Street.

## Children's Carriages,

NEW AND ELEGANT STYLES.

Woven Cane, Reed, Slat, Rattan, Willow, Square Phaeton.

With the latest 8x8 Parquet and Canvas top, Silk lined and trimmed, upholstered with silk goods, plush or satin, floor plain or to roll, red upon best going, with Patent Reversible Handles, Springs, and all spoken wheels, nicely painted and decorated.

## GREAT VARIETY OF MATTINGS.

WHITE, CHECKED, and PANCY.

Largest stock ever shown before, and at prices much lower.

Parlor, Chamber, Dining Room, and Office Furniture.

Artistically Carved and of Latest Designs.

## UPHOLSTERY GOODS

Of the latest silk plush, velvets, and all the latest goods, at the lowest prices.

The Latest Ideas in Brussels, Ingrain, and other Carpets.

INSPECTION INVITED.

SELL AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

WASH. B. WILLIAMS,

Corner of Seventh and D Streets.

## Travelers' Guide.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

THE MODEL FAST LINE AND THROUGH LINE.

THE EAST AND THE WEST.

DOUBLE TRACK JAMES COOPER STREET.

Schedule to take effect SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1883.

Leave Washington from station, corner of New Jersey Avenue and Outpost, by Standard of 7:00 a.m.

For Baltimore, via Annapolis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to Chicago, except Saturday.

For Chicago, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to Chicago, except Saturday.

For St. Louis, via St. Paul, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Louis, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via St. Louis, 7:15 a.m., and 7:30 a.m., with through coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Above points, without change, 10:15 a.m. daily to St. Paul, except Saturday.

For St. Paul, via